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The Pawtucket School Committee held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 14, 2008, at the School Administration Building, 286 Main Street, First Floor Atrium, Pawtucket, RI. The meeting was scheduled for 6:00 PM. The meeting was open to the public. Members in attendance: Mr. Baxter Ms. Bonollo Mr. Chellel Mr. Coughlin Ms. Nordquist Ms. Zolt-left after executive session Mr. Gould Also in attendance were Thomas Conlon, Business Administrator, and Dr. Hans W. Dellith, Superintendent of Schools. The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. The Chairperson commented that the Pawtucket School Committee will recess to executive session in accordance with provisions under Title 42, Chapter 46, Subsection 5.A1; and 5.A2 of the R. I. General Laws for the purpose of discussing legal advice/litigation (Personnel; budget matter; union contract arbitration). Mr. Coughlin moved to recess to executive session; Ms. Nordquist seconded. Roll call: Mr. Baxter-yes; Ms. Bonollo-yes; Mr. Chellel-yes; Mr. Coughlin-yes; Ms. Nordquist-yes; Ms. Zolt-yes; Mr. Gould-yes. Motion carried unanimously. The Committee recessed at 6:08 PM to 6:40 PM. The Chairperson called the Public Meeting to order. Mr. Baxter moved to seal the executive session minutes; Mr. Chellel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Baxter-yes; Ms. Bonollo-yes; Mr. Chellel-yes; Mr. Coughlin-yes; Ms. Nordquist-yes; Mr. Gould-yes. Motion carried unanimously. The Chairperson asked the Clerk to report on executive session. The Clerk stated that the School Committee voted unanimously to approve an agreement to settle a union grievance.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2008: Mr. Chellel moved to acceptance of the minutes; Mr. Coughlin seconded. Roll call: Mr. Baxter-yes Ms. Bonollo-yes Mr. Chellel-yes Mr. Coughlin-yes Ms. Nordquist-yes Mr. Gould-yes Motion carried with six members in favor. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Karin Donovan – Tolman SIT Electronic Sign: At the SIT meeting the electronic sign was positively received by parents. This sign could be used to announce academics, sports, accomplishments. Mr. Scallin notified us that there may be zoning variance to have it put on Exchange Street. We are looking for the School Committee's support to go to the Pawtucket Zoning Board. Robin Trotman-Potter-Burns Bullying Incident: I have two children at Potter. At the start of school, 9/8/08, there was a bullying incident. I have a journal which I brought to the Superintendent's office. My son was upset because of an altercation. I want an appeal to take this off his record because he was provoked. I was able to get a meeting this morning. I am not happy with the results of this meeting. Maybe my son should be switched because the kid is in same class. 8/27 and 8/28, due to overcrowding, he was moved from one class to another. I am concerned about my son's welfare. The other child bothers my son. I write everything in my journal hoping the Principal will act on it. I am asking School Committee to look into the suspension that he all ready received and take it off his record. I did contact Sharon Osborne and Mr. McWalters and the Superintendent. I think I have exhausted every level. I wrote a complaint to ACLU. I would hope the School Committee would take

time out to look into this situation. **OLD BUSINESS: #1 – LINDSEY ANN BURKE ACT – UPDATE:** Ms. Bonollo: we received a grant in the amount of one and a half million dollars to use over a four year period of time. The enclosure explains the update of the curriculum. Goff and Slater will need to be updated with this new curriculum.

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OLD BUSINESS: #2 – FY09 BUDGET – AMENDMENT & ADOPTION: Mr. Conlon: You received a memorandum showing the budget being adjusted to actual conditions as a result of the changes that have taken place since the original budget was approved last spring. These types of adjustments occur every year. The current shortfall is \$4,091,369. We are seeking approval to adjust the FY09 to actual as follows: adjust to actual reflecting \$95,741,879 in revenues and \$101,331,151 in expenditures; expenditures be reduced by the anticipated unspecified cuts of \$1,497,903; and that in order to be compliant with the relevant sections of RIGL 16-2, that the budgeted expenditures be reduced by the projected deficit of \$4,091,369. Ms. Nordquist moved to amend the FY09 Budget to actual and adoption of the amended budget; Mr. Chellel seconded. Roll call: Mr. Baxter-yes Ms. Bonollo-yes Mr. Chellel-yes Mr. Coughlin-yes Ms. Nordquist-yes Mr. Gould-yes Motion carried with six members in favor. Mr. Conlon recommended the Committee authorize the Chairperson to send a request for waivers to the Commissioner of Education. Mr. Chellel moved to approve; Ms. Nordquist seconded. Roll call: Mr. Baxter-yes Ms. Bonollo-yes Mr. Chellel-yes Mr. Coughlin-yes Ms. Nordquist-yes Mr. Gould-yes Motion carried with six members in favor.

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NEW BUSINESS: #1 – APPOINTMENTS: Ms. Nordquist moved to approve; Mr. Chellel seconded. Roll call: Mr. Baxter-yes Ms. Bonollo-yes Mr. Chellel-yes Mr. Coughlin-yes Ms. Nordquist-yes Mr. Gould-yes Motion carried with six members in favor.

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NEW BUSINESS: #2 – MEETING DATE CHANGES: NOVEMBER 11, 2008 – VETERAN’S DAY APRIL 14, 2009 – SPRING BREAK After a brief discussion of the Committee, Ms. Nordquist moved to change the November 11, 2008 date to November 18, 2008 and the April 14, 2009 date to April 7, 2009; Ms. Bonollo seconded. Roll call: Mr. Baxter-yes Ms. Bonollo-yes Mr. Chellel-yes Mr. Coughlin-yes Ms. Nordquist-yes Mr. Gould-yes Motion carried with six members in favor. **NEW BUSINESS: #3 – APPROVAL OF STUDENT HANDBOOK POLICY CHANGES:** Dr. Dellith recommended that the Committee approve the Student Handbook Policy changes that they received in their packet. Mr. Chellel moved to approve; Ms. Nordquist seconded. Roll call: Mr. Baxter-yes Ms. Bonollo-yes Mr. Chellel-yes Mr. Coughlin-yes Ms. Nordquist-yes Mr. Gould-yes Motion carried with six members in favor. **NEW BUSINESS: #4 – MAINTENANCE/CUSTODIAL POLICY:**

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Ms. Bonollo commented that some of the schools are not being cleaned and nothing is being said. It is being allowed. Someone needs to supervise. I think this is something that needs a bit more supervision. We need systems, policies and procedures in place. Dr.

Dellith commented that the number of people required per square foot of a school has us coming in at 50%. We would have to hire quite a few more custodians and there has been reluctance to do that. No vote required. NEW BUSINESS #5 – TOLMAN – LED ANNOUNCEMENT SIGN: Ms. Bonollo moved that the support of the School Committee would be offered to the SIT Program should they need a variance for their building for the LED announcement sign; Mr. Coughlin seconded. Roll call: Mr. Baxter-yes Ms. Bonollo-yes Mr. Chellel-yes Mr. Coughlin-yes Ms. Nordquist-yes Mr. Gould-yes Motion carried with six members in favor. NEW BUSINESS: #6 – BUSALD-GOULD EDUCATIONAL LEARNING CENTER: Ms. Nordquist: There has been much discussion over the name of this building. Several School Committee Members felt that Mr. Busald should have the building named after him. The ALP was taken out of Goff Junior High School with the help of Mr. Gould. Ms. Nordquist moved to name the section of this building that houses the Alternative Learning Program, Transition Program, Diploma Plus Program and the After Three Program be named the “Busald-Gould Educational Learning Center”; Mr. Baxter seconded. Roll call: Mr. Baxter-yes Ms. Bonollo-yes Mr. Chellel-yes

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Mr. Coughlin-yes Ms. Nordquist-yes Mr. Gould-abstained Motion carried with five in favor; one abstention. (Proper recluse form completed by Mr. Gould) There being no further business, Mr. Chellel moved to adjourn; Ms. Nordquist seconded. The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM. Respectfully submitted, Clerk